Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 27 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 28 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021 at 16:28 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for remaining very cold with a generally fine day Wednesday and for a more settled spell Friday and Saturday, but lower for details of northward extent of snow on Thursday and timing of fronts pushing east on Sunday.

Headline for Wednesday 27 Jan 2021: Becoming mainly dry with some long sunny spells developing. Very cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 27 Jan 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
40%	30%	20%	<05%	<05%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Jan 2021

Weather: Cloudy through the early hours with outbreaks of mainly light snow becoming increasingly patchy. Any remaining snow clears soon after dawn with sunny spells developing more widely through the morning. In the afternoon the sunshine in the north becomes almost unbroken and the evening then looks dry and clear.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 25% improving close to 100% by mid-afternoon.

Visibility: Periods of cloud above 600m at first gradually lifting and breaking with little or no cloud expected below summits by mid-afternoon. Away from cloud visibility very good with good panoramic views of surrounding snow covered hills, falling to just a few kilometres in any snow showers. Glare off lying snow is expected, especially in afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	17/20 NE	13/16 NE	13/16 NE	13/17 E	13/17 E	11/15 E	13/17 E	20/26 E	29/37 E
900	8/9 SW	6/8 NE	9/12 NE	13/16 E	14/18 E	12/16 E	14/19 E	20/26 E	24/33 E
600	7/9 E	9/11 NE	11/13 NE	14/17 NE	14/19 NE	11/15 E	9/13 E	16/21 SE	23/30 SE
300	4/6 NE	5/7 NE	6/10 N	7/10 N	5/8 N	3/6 E	5/10 E	8/16 E	15/27 E
Glen	2/5 N	4/10 NE	5/12 N	7/14 NE	8/15 NE	10/19 NE	9/19 NE	9/16 NE	9/17 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-9	-3/-9	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-5/-10	-5/-11	-6/-14	-6/-16
900	-1/-5	-1/-5	-3/-7	-3/-9	-3/-9	-4/-10	-5/-12	-5/-13	-6/-14
600	0/-3	0/-4	-0/-5	-0/-6	0/-5	0/-4	-0/-4	-0/-6	0/-6
300	1/-1	1/-1	1/-2	1/-2	2/-1	2/0	1/-2	0/-3	0/-5
Glen	2/0	2/0	2/0	2/-1	4/0	3/-0	2/-2	1/-3	1/-3
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	500m	400m	400m	300m	200m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Valley temperatures close to zero Celsius at dawn and falling below freezing quickly this evening.

Forecast for Thursday 28 Jan 2021

Weather: Cloud above the summits increasing through the early hours but remaining dry. Then a rather cloudy morning, perhaps some brightness across the north, with some patchy light snow across the south. The snow edges north through the afternoon, becoming heavy at times across the south, especially the Trossachs, where some significant snowfall is possible, with blizzard conditions and drifting snow possible, especially over higher elevations.

Maximum wind: Easterly or southeasterly 25-30mph, with a severe chill effect, easing 20mph later

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Close to 100% at first falling close to zero across the south by early afternoon and around 25% in the north by dusk.

Visibility: Little or no cloud below summits at first becoming periods or persistent above 600m across the south by early afternoon with cloud more occasional in the north. Away from cloud, very good falling to just a few kilometres in snow, less than a kilometre in heavier snow and near zero in any blizzard conditions and drifting snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around minus 2 or 3 Celsius at dawn rising to Around plus 2 or 3 Celsius by day
At 800m: Around minus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: 300m or less

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